

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

An attempt has been made to address each of the Examiner's points in the order they were raised in the Office Action:

Claim Objections

In response to the Examiner's objection to withdrawn claims 3-6 being dependent upon canceled claim 1, Applicant has canceled claims 3-6 without prejudice.

In claims 16-18, the spelling of the words "calendar" and "calendaring" has been changed to "calender" and "calendering", respectively.

Claim rejections under 35 USC §102

The Examiner has rejected claims 8 – 10 and 15 – 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Svenka et al ("SVENKA")(US 6,688,218). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection of claims 8 – 10 and 15 – 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Regarding the teachings of SVENKA, the Examiner stated on Page 3 of the Office Action with respect to claims 8 and 15-17 that:

"[t]he second frame (18') is adjustable 'connected' (i.e. adjustable by movement of the cylinder (19')) to the first frame (13). The second frame (18') is slidably attached to the first frame (18) (fig. 3), and thus, the second frame is capable to be removably connected (i.e. indirectly connected) from the first frame."

On Pages 3-4 of the Office Action, the Examiner stated with respect to claim 18 that:

"[t]he second frame (18') is adjustable connected (i.e. adjustable by movement of the cylinder (19')) to the first frame (18). The second frame (18') is slidably 'connected' (i.e. indirectly connected) to the first frame (18) (fig. 3), and thus, the second frame is removably connected from the first frame. The second frame is adjustable in relation to the first frames [sic] (fig. 3) which allows adjustment in a Y direction."

It seems clear from the above (typo aside where the Examiner referred to the second frame "(13)"), that the Examiner is reading SVENKA as showing a first frame 18 and a second frame 18'. Again, however, each roll 3-7 of SVENKA is not connected to first frame 18 by one or more non-roll connecting members as now recited by the pending claims, as amended. Also, each roll 3'-7' of SVENKA is not connected to second frame 18' by one or more non-roll connecting members as now recited by the pending claims, as amended.

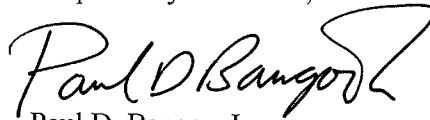
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More specifically, each of claims 8 and 15-18 have been amended to more clearly recite “a first stack of rolls comprising a first plurality of rolls each of which is connected to a first frame by one or more non-roll connecting members”, and “a second stack of rolls comprising a second plurality of rolls each of which is connected to a second frame by one or more non-roll connecting members”.

Again, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner’s interpretation of SVENKA since SVENKA discloses only one frame (reference numeral 13 in FIGS. 1-3, reference numeral 113 in FIGS. 4-5). The sliding guides 17, 18, 17’, 18’, 118 and 119 of SVENKA are not frames. Even if they were, only one roll of each stack of rolls is connected to each of SVENKA’s sliding guides 17, 18, 17’, 18’, 118 and 119 by one or more non-roll connecting members. Thus, SVENKA clearly does not anticipate any of claims 8 – 10 and 15 – 18, as currently amended, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Applicants have made a diligent effort to respond to the Office Action and to place the claims in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance for claims 8-10 and 15-18 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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